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IF WE ARE GOING TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS WITH BAHRAIN WHICH COULD GIVE GOB LEGAL JURISDICTION OVER OFFENSES BY USN PERSONNEL, WE HOPE THAT DISCUSSIONS CAN BE HANDLED WITH MINIMUM OF PUBLICITY. AS RESULT OF ARRANGEMENT THAT WERE WORKED OUT IN 1964, GOI DOES NOT NORMALLY HAVE LEGAL JURISDICTION OVER US MILITARY PERSONNEL IN IRAN. MAJLIS DEBATE WHICH LED TO THESE ARRANGEMENTS WAS SHARPLY CONTESTED AND NUMBER OF IRANIANS STILL BELIEVE GOI MADE INAPPROPRIATE AND UNNECESSARY POLITICAL CONCESSIONS TO USG. ALTHOUGH WE HAVE NOTED NO INCLINATION ON PART OF ANY IRANIAN OFFICIAL TO SEEK TO MODIFY EXISTING LEGAL STATUS OF US MILITARY PERSONNEL, WE WOULD NOT WANT FACT THAT WE MIGHT ALLOW GOB TO EXERCISE MORE LIBERAL LEGAL JURISDICTION OVER OUR USN PERSONNEL TO GIVE GOI ANY IDEAS. THEREFORE, FROM OUR STANDPOINT IN IRAN, IT WOULD BE WELL IF LEGAL TALKS WITH GOB COULD BE QUICKLY AND QUIETLY ACCOMPLISHED.

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